

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-0038**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO
MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS TO CONTINUE AND ENHANCE THE
GROUNDWATER AMBIENT MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS:

1. The Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001 (Water Code section 10780 et seq.) required the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to develop statewide comprehensive groundwater quality monitoring. The comprehensive groundwater monitoring has been implemented by the State Water Board's Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Program annually since 2003.
2. Expenditure authority for GAMA Program contracts included in the annual budgets for fiscal years 2016-2020 are expected to total no more than \$4.5 million from the Waste Discharge Permit Fund.
3. These funds are proposed to be used to continue and enhance the GAMA Program for the next four years (fiscal years 2016-2020) by: (1) supporting comprehensive monitoring and assessment of groundwater quality in deep and shallow drinking water aquifers, (2) coordinating with regional water boards to identify and perform essential groundwater quality projects, (3) working with state and local agencies and stakeholder entities to make groundwater information more publicly available, and (4) providing groundwater quality information to groundwater management agencies and dischargers for use in decision making.
4. The State Water Board implements GAMA Program projects through collaboration with the U.S. Geological Survey and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in contract agreements, and with laboratories for domestic well water analyses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to enter into multi-year contracts and any amendments thereto upon passage of the fiscal year budgets, not to exceed \$4,500,000 for each of the 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020 fiscal years, to continue and enhance the GAMA Program and to address drought related groundwater issues.

CERTIFICATION


The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on July 19, 2016.

AYE: Chair Felicia Marcus
Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber
Board Member Tam M. Doduc
Board Member Steven Moore
Board Member Dorene D'Adamo

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board